पाटिया): (क) से (घ) जी, नहीं। 10 जनवरी, 1993 को पाकिस्तान को यह बता दिया गया था कि अब पाकिस्तान को दिल्ली और बंबई से बाहर के अस्थायी वीजा कार्यालयों से काम करने की इजाजत नहीं होगी और यह भी कि अब उसे इनके बजाय उसे अपना वीजा का काम नई दिल्ली स्थित हाई कमीशन से तथा बंबई स्थित प्रधान कोंसलावास से करना चाहिए।

Complaints of Harassment by Indian Labourers Working Abroad

2759. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been receiving regular complaints of harassment of Indian labourers working abroad;

(b) whether Government have any cell to monitor and redress their grievances; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of India through Indian Missions abroad maintains regular contact with foreign Governments to ensure the welfare and to improve conditions of Indian workers in the respective countries. The Indian Missions at first try to resolve the differences between the aggrieved worker and the employer to arrive at a mutually acceptable solution. Wherever necessary, cases are taken up with the concerned authorities of the foreign Government to persuade the employers to redress the grievances of Indian workers. Where no alternative employment or any solution is possible despite best efforts of the Mission, all assistance is given to facilitate repatriation of the aggrieved worker.

The Ministry of Labour through the Office of Protector General of Emigrants maintains a public hearing system at their Headquarters in New Delhi and also at six regional offices to redress grievances and complaints or to impart any information on various aspects of emigration, twice a week.

Statement made by foreign Secretary

2760. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as reported in the Indian express of 2nd December, 1993 the Foreign Secretary had indicated that India was willing to discuss with Pakistan "some compromise" to resolve the Kashmir issue in a "practical and realistic manner" taking mutual concerns into account; and

(b) if so, what was the precise nature and content of the "compromise" indicated by Foreign Secretary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Foreign Secretary, in an interview with Asianet, on 27-11-1993, reiterated Government's commitment to resolve all differences with Pakistan peacefully and through bilateral negotiations in accordance with the Simla Agreement and that at the Foreign Secretary-level talks scheduled to be held at Islamabad from 1—3 January, 1994, Government would endeavour to reason with Pakistan to move towards a mutually acceptable settlement of differences relating to the Jammu and Kashmir issue.

Land route facility to Arab countries via Pakistan

2761. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would take up with Pakistan a land route facility to

Arab countries via Pakistan to encourage the export of Indian farmers produce and India's trade with these countries;

(b) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be materialised; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) Government do not have any such proposal under consideration at present under the prevailing climate of relations between India and Pakistan.

G-15 Summit in New Delhi

@2762. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three days of G-15 summit was held in New Delhi from 13th December, 1993;

(b) whether the summit took note of the post cold war trend to form regional trading zones and resolved to strength south-south cooperation both economic and political;

(c) what were the principal moves made by India and others during the summit and the out come thereof; and

(d) what other issues were taken up during the summit and what decision were taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir. The Summit was postponed to March-April 1994.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

@Previously Unstarred Question No. 2395 transferred from 20.12.93.

Indo-German Co-operation

2762-A. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made so far in the implementation of the action plan to enhance Indo-German Co-operation formulated during the Indian visit by the German Chancellor during February, last year; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The second session of the Indo-German Consultative Group has been held in New Delhi on 9-10 October, 1993. The process of bilateral consultation has been intensified and discussions have taken place on multilateral issues including disarmament. There have been exchanges to enhance cooperation in Science and Technology and a new Cultural Exchange Programme for 1993-94 has been concluded. Steps have also been taken to enhance bilateral economic relations in the areas of trade, investment and joint ventures.

Quantum of fish caught after simplification of Deep Sea fishing Policy

2763. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of fish caught after simplification of deep sea fishing policy by Government during 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) the number of sick deep sea fishing units in country State-wise, particularly in Gujarat State;

(c) the steps taken proposed to be taken by Government to revive these sick units and to solve the problems faced by the deep sea fishing sector:

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and